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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 5 of the specification to read as follows:

Referring to Figure 1, the image recording device of the present invention is equipped with both facsimile functions and copier functions. An operation panel 2 is provided on the front surface of a device main body 1 and the user performs copying and image data transmission operations by operating necessary keys on the operation panel 2. A recorded paper discharge tray 3, document sheet supply tray 4, document sheet outlet tray 5 and multi-purpose tray 6 which will be described later are positioned on the device main body 1. Furthermore, as best shown in Figure 2, a cassette unit 7 is mounted on base 1c of the device main body 1. The cassette unit 7 is removable from the device main body 1. As illustrated in Figure 1, the transport direction of the document and recording sheets coincides with the width direction of the device main body 1 as indicated by the unshaded arrows. In other words, a user manipulating the image recording device stands in front of the operation panel 2 and the document and recording sheets move transversely in front of the user. Each of the trays 3, 4 and 5 also extends in the width direction of the device and are substantially confined in the width of the device main body 1. Therefore, there is no interference of these trays with the operation panel 2 and user operating this. Since the trays 3, 4 and 5 do not project substantially from the side of the device main body 1, this device can save the space.

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Please amend the paragraph on lines 17 - 28 of page 8 of the specification to read as follows:

The multi-purpose tray 6 is formed on the upper surface 1d of the base 1c of the main body 1. As shown in Figures 1 and 3, the cassette unit 7 below the base 1c of the device main body 1 includes a paper cassette 7a for storing the recording sheets and a unit body or housing 7b for receiving the paper cassette 7a. Standard paper may be contained in large volume in the paper supply cassette 7a but in the case of the image recording device of the present invention, a large amount of paper may also be stacked in the multi-purpose tray 6 and furthermore opening/closing (attachment/removal) operations of the tray 6 are unnecessary. Therefore, the present invention is compatible with only using the multi-purpose tray 6 without the cassette unit 7.

Please amend the paragraph on lines 1 - 18 of page 9 of the specification to read as follows:

Hereafter, the arrangement of the cassette unit 7 will be described using Figures 2, 3 and 5. Referring first to Figure 3, a push-up plate 26 is arranged in the paper cassette 7a. This plate 26 is biased from below by a spring at its one end (let end in Figure 3 or the end on the paper outlet side) with the opposite end being a rotation pivot. A pair of pick-up rollers 27 and a pair of paper feed rollers 28 are supported in the cassette unit body 7b. The pick-up rollers 27 are arranged above the spring-supported end of the paper push-up plate 26 when containing the paper cassette 7a, and the paper feed rollers 28 are situated downstream in the paper transport direction. As best seen in Figure 5, a gear system G is arranged between the pick-up rollers 27 and supply paper rollers 28 and that

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gear system G engages with another gear system of inside the device main body 1 when the cassette unit 7 is attached to the base 1c of the image recording device (main body 1) as shown in Figure 1.

A drive torque is transmitted from the device main body 1 to the supply paper rollers 28 and pick-up

rollers 27.

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 19 of page 9 of the specification to read as follows:

Yet further, a stopping means (electromagnetic solenoid or the like: not shown) for the pick-up roller 27 and a supply paper direction means (sensor: not shown) are arranged in the cassette unit 7 as a supply paper control means for the recording sheet from the paper supply cassette 7a. Each of the pick-up rollers 27 is controlled so as to rotate 360 degrees and stop per one page of recording sheet. A power source connector 29 is provided for these stopping means and supply paper detection means. By mounting the cassette unit 7 on the lower surface of the base 1c of the image recording device as shown in Figure 1, the power source connector 29 is made to automatically connect with a connector (not shown) attached to the device main body 1 of the image recording device.

Please amend the paragraph on lines 5 - 14 of page 10 of the specification to read as follows:

When the cassette unit 7 is mounted on the base 1c of the image recording device, the paper supply cassette 7a is drawable/insertable from the front side of the device main body 1 as indicate